

It will be a burning shame that a people so loyal to the Constitution, and so devoted to the Union, should again [be] represented, or rather, misrepresented, by a disunionist, but I fear we will have to be again subjected to such a mortification and disgrace.

But enough of this, I have said this much because, being so devoted a North Carolinian as I know you are, I suppose that what I have said might be of some interest to you, and have therefore taken the liberty of expressing, in a very imperfect manner, some of my views on the interesting questions of the day, not because of any intrinsic value in themselves, but because they express the opinions of a very large majority of the people of the State, I might almost add, without distinction of party.

Whenever you can devote an hour to an absent friend, it will afford me very great pleasure to hear from you.

From Frederick Nash.

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Hillsboro',

April 24th, [1851.]

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We have heard with much pleasure that it is probable Mrs. Graham, with her children, will spend the summer months in Hillsboro'. We hope she will do so. A retreat from the bustle & parade & fashion of the metropolis, to the quiet & plainness of our antient, but still pleasant, village, will recruit her strength, & thereby prepare for the duties of next winter. You express regret that our school here is broken up. Nor so; Dr. Wilson⁶³ retires from it, but it will be continued under the management of Graves,⁶⁴ whose entire competence is not questioned. Tell the boys if they shall return here, that they will find the old halls of the Institute resounding with "Tityre tu recubans" &c.

I have seen with much regret the different articles in the newspapers pointing to a fresh attempt on Cuba, by Lopez⁶⁵ & his

⁶³ Alexander Wilson (1799-1867), of Orange, a native of Ireland, educated as a physician, but when he came to North Carolina in 1818, he began teaching in Raleigh. After two years he went to Williamsborough where he remained until 1836, becoming a Presbyterian minister in 1830. He was head of the Caldwell Institute in Greensboro, and later Hillsboro, 1836-1850, when he resigned, and the following year opened a private school in Alamance County which had high public confidence, and which only closed with his death.

⁶⁴ Ralph Henry Graves (1817-1876), of Granville County, a graduate of the University, who taught at various times in Chapel Hill, Greensboro, and Hillsboro.

⁶⁵ Narcisco Lopez, a South American adventurer, was successful in leading expansionists in the United States to believe that Cuba was ready to revolt against